

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/083,251

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 5/2/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11,12,17,19-25,32-35,39-41 and 43.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 June 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date <u>attached hereto</u> . |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jay Modovanyi on July 21, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 14-16, 26-28, 36-38, 42, 44-46 have been cancelled.

Claim 11, line 13, after "a length", - - defined by a maximum distance between two side edges of said first and second flange respectively - - have been inserted.

Claim 11, lines 17 and 18, after "extending", - - downwardly - -has been inserted.

Claim 23, line 11, "firstflange" has been replaced with - - first flange - -.

Claim 23, line 21, after "tapered sections", - - relative to the first and second tapered walls - - have been inserted.

Claim 33, line 10, after "engage", - - opposed - - has been inserted, then before "associated", "an" has been replaced with - - the - -.

Claim 33, line 12, after "grip", - - said - - has been inserted.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record alone or in combination fail to disclose a ceiling grid banner hanger as claimed in claim 11 having particularly first and second protrusions each extend along all of the

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length of their respective flange wherein the length is defined as a maximum distance between two side edges of the first and second flange and wherein the first object support flange extending downwardly away from a bottom side of the support body and wherein the first and second object support flanges lying substantially in a single object support plane or having particularly first and second tapered walls on the flange with reverse tapered sections relative to the first and second tapered walls on the first and second neck regions as recited in claim 23; nor a ceiling grid banner hanger and ceiling grid combination as claimed in claims 17 and 33 having particularly a protrusion or third protrusion extending upwardly from the top side of the support body wherein the first and second ribs and protrusion(s) releasably grip the opposed surfaces of the associated ceiling grid to which the body is secured so that the support body can be manually removed without a need for tools to dislodge the first and second ribs and protrusion from contact with the associated ceiling grid.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Korie H. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-6816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on 571-272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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